

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to insert an abstract page into the application, to delete claims 1-14, and to enter new claims 15-24.

Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at direct dial telephone 952-253-4106.

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